

# WHAT'S *New*



in the Metropolitan Police Department

*A weekly update for residents, visitors, and  
workers in the District of Columbia*

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## MPDC IMPLEMENTS CHANGES TO RESERVE CORPS PROGRAM

For more than 55 years, the Metropolitan Police Reserve Corps has provided qualified, civic-minded individuals with the opportunity to assist the MPDC in carrying out its mission through a variety of volunteer assignments – from administrative support to the broad duties of career police officers. Recently, the MPDC issued a revised “General Order” that makes a number of changes to the Reserve Corps program. Perhaps the biggest change involves the different levels, or types, of Reserve officers in the MPDC. The previous system of five classes of Reserve Officers has been streamlined into a two-level structure. Level II Reserves are unarmed volunteers who can perform a range of duties, including administrative, operational support and policing responsibilities. Level I Reserve Officers carry Department-issued firearms and can perform all duties and responsibilities of a sworn officer, pursuant to applicable Department directives and policies. There are specific selection criteria for both levels of Reserve Officers, and all Reserve Officers must complete a full program of physical, classroom and skills training to prepare them for the challenges of being a Reserve Officer. For armed Level I Reserves, this training includes the same firearms requalification that sworn members must complete on a twice-annual basis. Under the new policy, all Reserve Officers must commit to a minimum of 16 volunteer hours per month, or 192 hours per year. Members of the Reserve Corps were first used on October 31, 1951, to watch fire alarm boxes to prevent the sounding of false alarms during Halloween. Over the years, Reserve Officers have been an integral part of how the MPDC handles major events and everyday policing responsibilities.

- ① Learn more about the organization, history and operations of the MPDC Reserve Corps at:  
<http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,a,1242,q,547109.asp>
- ① Individuals interested in joining the all-volunteer Reserve Corps are invited to contact the Police Recruiting Branch at (202) 727-2767 or complete the application from the Reserve Corps website:  
<http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,a,1242,q,547109.asp#apply>
- ① A new group of Reserve Officers Level II will officially join the MPDC following graduation ceremonies on Friday, April 14, 2006.

## CRIME EDGES UP IN MARCH

While homicides and serious assaults both declined during March, the overall number of offenses reported in DC last month rose by just under 4 percent when compared with the same period of 2005, according to preliminary statistics from the MPDC. There were 2,511 serious crimes reported in March 2006. That compares with 2,416 offenses during the same month last year, for an overall increase of 3.9 percent. Homicides (-50%), assaults with a deadly weapon (-7.5%) and burglaries (-5%) all declined last month. But those decreases were more than offset by increases in other crime types, including robberies (+10%), stolen autos (+8%) and thefts from auto (+8%). Reported sexual assaults also rose last month to 21, from 17 in March 2005. During the first three months of 2006, serious crime rose by just over 2 percent citywide, the preliminary data show. Violent offenses fell by about 1 percent during the first quarter. As of April 7, homicides in DC were down 16 percent, from 50 last year to 42 in 2006. However, property crimes increased by more than 3 percent during the first quarter of 2006. Year to date, crime is down in five of the seven police districts, but is up in both the First and Third districts. Both areas are experiencing sharp increases in robberies and thefts from autos.

- ① View preliminary crime statistics for each of the seven police districts, and the city as a whole, by visiting:  
<http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,a,1239,q,543329.asp>
- ① The recent increase in crime in DC is being driven largely by a rise in thefts from auto: briefcases, purses, laptop computers, cell phone and other valuables being stolen from vehicles – some of which aren't always locked. Learn some steps you can take to prevent this crime of opportunity:  
[http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,a,1237,q,559555,mpdcNav\\_GID,1551.asp](http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,a,1237,q,559555,mpdcNav_GID,1551.asp)

## SPOTLIGHT ON ... THE OFFICE OF ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The MPDC's Office of Organizational Development (OOD) fosters public safety innovations and reforms within the Department, among government agency partners and with the community. Under the Departmental reorganization announced late last year, OOD now includes three divisions. The Policy and Program Development Division develops and publishes Department directives, oversees the MPDC's risk mitigation efforts and leads the Department's effort to achieve national-level accreditation. The Research and Resource Development Division provides grant support for Department members, as well as research and analytical support and services. And the Policing for Prevention Division is responsible for developing, managing and monitoring the MPDC's community policing strategy, providing outreach services to the community, and offering training and technical assistance to MPDC personnel in the application of community policing. Recently, the MPDC website was updated to include additional information about OOD, its divisions and the services they offer. For example, the Research and Resource Development Division is now publishing weekly arrest reports, detailing the number of adults and juveniles arrested by MPDC members during the last two weeks and year to date. Updated reports on crime activity in the MPDC's designated "hot spots" are also published online.

## POLICE CONTINUE TO SEEK CLUES IN SHOOTING OUTSIDE NORTHWEST SCHOOL

MPDC detectives are continuing to seek clues in a brazen shooting that injured two teenaged students — one critically — outside a public school campus in Northwest. On Wednesday, April 5, at about 9:15 am, MPDC and DC Fire and Emergency Medical Services personnel responded to the vicinity of Roosevelt Senior High School, located in the 4300 block of Iowa Avenue, NW, to investigate the report of a shooting. Upon arrival, they discovered two shooting victims: a 19-year-old male suffering from a gunshot wound to the back, and an 18-year-old male suffering from a graze wound to the shoulder. The 19 year old was transported by ambulance to an area hospital, where he was admitted in critical condition. The 18 year old was treated on the scene for a minor injury. The identities of the victims, both of whom attend Roosevelt High, are being withheld because they are witnesses in the case. Preliminary investigation reveals that the victims were struck during a drive-by shooting. The suspect vehicle is described as a gray- or silver-colored Cadillac, occupied by two black males. The case is currently under investigation by detectives assigned to the Fourth District. Anyone with information about this case is asked to call police at (202) 727-9099 or the DC Crime Solvers Unit a 1 (800) 673-2777. All calls to Crime Solvers are confidential, and a caller need not give his or her name. If the information provided by a caller to Crime Solvers leads to an arrest and indictment, that caller will be eligible for a reward of up to \$1,000.

## NEWS & NOTES

**GLLU Recognized as Innovator.** The MPDC's Gay and Lesbian Liaison Unit has received another national honor: it has been named one of the top 50 government innovations for 2006 by the Ash Institute for Democratic Governance and Innovation at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government. Eighteen finalists, chosen from among the 50, will be announced on May 4 during Public Service Recognition Week, and seven winning programs in this year's Innovations in American Government Awards Program will be selected in July. The Ash Institute praised the GLLU for redefining "community policing by coupling community outreach with traditional crime fighting." Read more about the recognition at [http://www.ashinstitute.harvard.edu/Ash/pr\\_2006sf\\_index.htm](http://www.ashinstitute.harvard.edu/Ash/pr_2006sf_index.htm).

**Intelligence Research Specialist Sought.** The MPDC is accepting applications for a civilian Intelligence Research Specialist to work in the Superintendent of Detectives Division. The primary duties of the DS-12 position are to collect, evaluate and create incoming intelligence data, and to prepare basic and specialized intelligence reports. Complete details on responsibilities, requirements, salary and application procedure are at <http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,a,1230,q,559723.asp>.

① To learn more about OOD and the services it offers, click on:

[http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,a,1232,q,559730,mpdcNav\\_GID,1523,mpdcNav,1314171.asp](http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,a,1232,q,559730,mpdcNav_GID,1523,mpdcNav,1314171.asp)

① For information on filing statistical data requests with the MPDC, go to:

<http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,A,1232,Q,559254.asp>

### DATA BOX

Homicides	as of 4/7/06
◆ 2006: 42	
◆ 2005: 50	
◆ % Change: -16.0%	
◆ Closure Rate: 47.6% (20 closures)	
Adult Arrests	week end. 4/1/06
◆ Total: 910	
◆ Weapons: 23	
◆ Robbery: 5	
◆ Auto Theft: 13	
◆ Prostitution/Sex Offenses: 39	
Juvenile Activity	week end. 4/1/06
◆ Arrests: 72	
◆ Curfew Violators: 29	
◆ Truants: 115	
Firearm Recoveries	as of 4/5/06
◆ April: 15	
◆ March: 211	
◆ 2006 Total: 672	
Traffic Fatalities	as of 4/7/06
◆ 2006: 11	
◆ 2005: 13	
◆ % Change: -15.4%	

Information, ideas, or comments about this service? Send an e-mail to **KEVIN MORISON**, MPDC's Director of Corporate Communications, at [kevin.morison@dc.gov](mailto:kevin.morison@dc.gov). Would you like to have this information e-mailed to you? Just go to our Website and register with [Crime-reports.com](http://Crime-reports.com).

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